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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "Financial Disaster" Benefits

1. Jack Coffey, ADDS, called a meeting on 12 November 1970	
to discuss a DCI request to investigate the possibility of extending the	
Agency's hospitalization benefits program to assist employees faced	
with financial disaster resulting from continuing, huge medical pay-	
ments. In attendance at the meeting were Dr. John Tietjen, Director	
of Medical Services, EO-DDS,	STA
Chief/Insurance Branch, Administrative Officer/DDS	STA
and the undersigned.	0171
2. The Director would like the Agency to implement, if possibl	.e,
a program of medical benefits similar to, for instance, the military	
system whereby employees and dependents have access to medical	
treatment and care on a continuing basis. was asked	STA
to check Agency records to determine how many financial disaster case	es
there have been. The Office of General Counsel will check on whether	
other civil service agencies have financial disaster benefits or, if not,	
have ever attempted to obtain such benefits through legislation.	
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will act as coordinator of the financial disaster	
study group, which will meet next on 17 November 1970 to discuss	
existing Agency benefits and to broach ideas for consideration.	
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